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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Pierre CAROL et al.

Application No.: 09/807,867

Filed: June 15, 2001

For: cDNA SEQUENCE TRANSCRIBING AN mRNA ENCODING THE TERMINAL OXIDASE ASSOCIATED WITH CAROTENOID BIOSYNTHESIS, AND USES THEREOF



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